

## **The Lesser of two Evils?**

With the federal election only days away Muslims will be exposed to the whispers from the helpers of Shaytaan telling them they need to get out and vote, incorrectly asking them to do so under the pretext of choosing the lesser of two evils

Even though taking the lesser of two evils is a correct principle its application here is not. With this rule, those who permit the participation in Democratic elections (voting) use this to suggest that in voting for the candidate whose policies are the least in opposition to Islam, this is the selection of the lesser of the two evils.

Or they say that the choice between not voting at all and allowing a worse candidate to prevail is a greater evil than to vote for another one, whom they intend to elect due to his policies being closer to Islam.

So just like with most rules of Islamic Jurisprudence, people often name a correct rule but then implement it either incorrectly or in circumstances where it would not apply.

The error of those who use this rule incorrectly fail to further explain that this rule is only applied when the choices are unavoidable when there exists no other option, no other way out except for taking one of the two evils that are both impermissible (haram).

The correct implementation of this principle would be in the scenario where a person was in a situation where they are being compelled to choose between two issues that are both essentially impermissible, so then the lesser of the two sinful choices is to be selected but this is not the case in voting (democratic elections).

An example of this principle and the wrongful use of taking the lesser of two evils is similar to him drinking alcohol in the following scenario:

Say someone invites another to his home.

There, he offers him two glasses of alcohol, one with 50% alcohol, and one with 25% alcohol. He chooses the latter.

Here he is not compelled he can reject both drinks citing alcohol is haram.

As for the participation in these democratic elections, there is no compulsion whatsoever, so there can be no excuse for committing this Shirk (ascribing partners to Allah) where governance is stripped from god and given to man to rule by what man sees as fit, so using the excuse of the lesser of two evils is a false claim in this scenario.

Rather, we say that choosing to commit the act of Shirk – sending someone to rule according to man-made law instead of the Sharī'ah of Allah – is a far worse

evil than abstaining from voting in this Taghut (cross the limits, overstep boundaries, or to rebel) oriented system.

So in reality, it would be like the person choosing the 50% alcohol over the 25%.

The lesser harm here is to not vote, saving yourself from Shirk, there is no lesser evil here it is like saying a Muslim is presented with two choices either become a Jew or a Christian and he chooses one over the other without even having the need to choose either

As for those who say we must follow the law of the land and participate and vote this is only a further a proof against them showing their ignorance of not only the Shariah of Allah (swt) but of the law of the land they claim to have to follow

In fact it is part of the law of the land (Australian Law) that you can choose not to vote if your religion discourages you from such an act, just as some denominations of the Jews and Christian don't vote nor participate in such elections.

Have the worshippers of the cross become better followers than the followers of Muhammad (saw), have they stood by their understanding of their religion that the right of governance and legislation is only God's right?

Have we become that weak that we openly force ourselves and others to commit this Shirk while the mushrikeen stand against this!

As much as people will have you believe we only have two choices and there is no other way out, here there is another option, so the rule for applying choosing the lesser of the two evils is null and void!

As for those who are ignorant or oblivious to the fact that Democracy is Kufr and shirk and that it is indeed a Deen (religion), ask yourself what constitutes a religion? Just as all religions have their own set ways and laws that count as permissible (halal) and impermissible (haram) what it deems to be correct so does the religion of DEMOCRACY and just like all religions the religion of democracy has its own places of worship which are no other than the houses of parliament, just like other religions have spiritual leaders so does the religion of democracy who has its own Rabbis Monks and shoyukh who are no other than the Politicians themselves who give Khutbah (sermons) to the masses and Dawah (propagation) to join them in their Kufr

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam, 'O people of reason and common sense, know that by participating in democratic elections you are nominating putting your trust and standing behind a person who will legislate a law other than Allah's (swt) law, and who will act on your behalf as your representative in parliament whether this person helps approve the masjid car park or sends his troops to oppress, torture and kill Muslims overseas your hands carry the same blood that's on his hands as it was you who helped put him into power to be

taken as a law giver implementing man mad laws thus taking him as a lord besides Allah (swt).

As Allah said to the meaning

“They have taken as lords beside Allah their rabbis and their monks and the Messiah son of Mary, when they were bidden to worship only One Allah....”

This ayah (verse) was revealed as one of the companions `Adi bin Hatim (ra) who became Christian during the time of Jahiliyyah. When the call of the Messenger of Allah reached his area, `Adi ran away to Ash-Sham, and his sister and several of his people were captured.

The Messenger of Allah (saw) freed his sister and gave her gifts. So she went to her brother and encouraged him to become Muslim and to go to the Messenger of Allah.

`Adi, who was one of the chiefs of his people (the tribe of Tai') and whose father, Hatim At-Ta'i, was known for his generosity, went to Al-Madinah. When the people announced his arrival, `Adi went to the Messenger of Allah wearing a silver cross around his neck. The Messenger of Allah recited this Ayah;

“They took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allah”. `Adi commented, "I said, 'They did not worship them.'" The Prophet said, Yes they did. They (rabbis and monks) prohibited the allowed for them (Christians and Jews) and allowed the prohibited, and they obeyed them. This is how they worshipped them.

Do not commit the same mistake where as many today think that worship is limited to prostration but rather it is vast covering various other acts including obedience.

As for the law of the land the lessor of two evils is non-existent even with in the electoral system, which clearly states

“Under s 245(14) of the Electoral Act or s 45(13A) of the Referendum Act the fact that an elector believes it to be a part of his or her religious duty to abstain from voting constitutes a valid and sufficient reason for not voting.”

The only lessor of two evils here is not vote and even pays a \$20 fine saving your Tawheed and saving you from falling into Shirk in Allah's Hakimiyah (governance/legislation)

As Allah said to the meaning,

“.... Legislation is not but for Allah. He has commanded that you worship not except Him...” (Quran 12:40)

So legislation is the exclusive right of Allah (swt) as only Allah has the privilege to specify what is good and what is evil and what is permissible and what is

impermissible and in the same verse Allah orders and ties this to his exclusive worship!

Allah (swt) has ordered that you worship him alone and to reject everything else that opposes or challenges Allah in any way be it in his Lordship his Names and Attribute in his Worship or in his Legislation!

So my dear brothers and sisters don't be deceived by the magicians of today who promise you the world once elected and don't be deceived by their aids and helpers from the magicians with in the Ummah within who stand on the Minbar (pulpit) and who promote the policies of their masters in the Masajid deceiving the Muslim masses just to receive a pat on the back or a nice big cheque after election day!

My dear Brothers and sisters protect your Islam protect your Tawheed  
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*And Allah knows best*

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